

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-20. (Cancelled).

21. (Currently Amended) Rescue arrangement according to claim ~~20~~32, wherein the ~~parallel~~guiding tracks are formed by cables which are secured at the higher level and at the lower level.

22. (Currently Amended) Rescue arrangement according to claim ~~32~~20, wherein the ~~parallel~~guiding tracks are formed by rigid sections, like rods or bars, the guiding tracks being ~~which are~~ secured at the higher level and at the lower level.

23-24. (Cancelled).

25. (Currently Amended) Rescue arrangement according to claim ~~32~~20, further comprising means for moving the object away from the guiding ~~tracks~~means after the ~~harness~~carrying means ~~has~~have been released from the guiding ~~tracks~~means or the ~~person~~object has been released from the ~~harness~~carrying means.

26-30. (Cancelled).

31. (Currently Amended) Rescue arrangement for effecting a rapid descent from ~~an elevated structure from~~ higher level, to a lower level, the rescue arrangement comprising:

guiding ~~tracks means~~ which substantially extend with a steep angle  
between the higher level and the lower level,

~~a harness carrying means~~ which ~~is~~are connectable with the guiding  
~~tracks means for carrying to be attached to a single person an object for carrying the~~  
~~person in a guided fall~~ from the higher level to the lower level via the guiding  
~~tracks means,~~

first braking means located at the guiding ~~tracks means~~ near the lower  
level for slowing down and/or stopping the ~~harness carrying means~~ near the lower  
level, and

~~wherein the arrangement comprises means~~ connected to said guiding  
tracks for moving the ~~object person~~ away automatically from the guiding  
~~tracks means~~ after the ~~harness carrying means~~ have has been released from the  
guiding ~~tracks means~~ or the ~~person~~ object is released from the ~~harness carrying means~~.

32. **(Currently Amended)** Rescue arrangement for effecting a rapid  
descent from an elevated structure from a higher level to a lower level, the rescue  
arrangement comprising:

- guiding ~~tracks means~~ which substantially extend with a steep angle  
between the higher level and the lower level,

- ~~carrying means~~ a harness to be worn by a person, which ~~harness are~~is  
connectable with the guiding ~~tracks means~~ for carrying ~~an object, in particular a said~~

person in a guided fall, from the higher level to the lower level via the guiding

tracks~~means~~, wherein a magnetic or magnetizable part is coupled to said harness,

- first braking means located at the guiding tracks~~means~~ near the lower level for slowing down and/or stopping the harness~~carrying means~~ near the lower level, said

~~wherein the~~ first braking means ~~comprise~~ comprising magnetic means for inducing~~exerting~~ a braking force on the harness~~carrying means~~ when said magnetic or magnetizable part coupled to the harness passes the magnetic means at the guiding tracks.

33. **(Currently Amended)** Rescue arrangement according to 32, ~~wherein~~ further comprising second braking means ~~are~~ provided between the higher level and the first braking means.

34. **(Currently Amended)** Rescue arrangement according to claim 33, wherein the second braking means comprise magnetic means for exerting a braking force on the carrying means.

35. **(Currently Amended)** Rescue arrangement according to claim 32~~20~~, wherein the guiding means at the lower level are secured to a fire truck.

36. **(Currently Amended)** Rescue arrangement according to claim 32~~20~~, wherein the first braking means are provided on a fire truck.

37. **(Previously Presented)** Rescue arrangement according to claim 21, wherein the arrangement comprises tensioning means for tensioning the cables.

38. **(Previously Presented)** Rescue arrangement according to claim 37, wherein the tensioning means are provided on a fire truck.

39. **(Cancelled)**

40. **(New)** Rescue arrangement according to claim 32, wherein the magnetic or magnetizable part of the harness comprises a metal plate.

41. **(New)** Rescue arrangement for effecting a rapid descent from an elevated structure from a higher level to a lower level, the rescue arrangement comprising:

- guiding tracks which substantially extend with a steep angle between the higher level and the lower level,
- a storage for harnesses located at the higher level of the guiding tracks,
- a number of harnesses, each to be worn by a person, stored in said storage, each of said harnesses, when connected to said guiding tracks, being able to carry said person in a guided fall from the higher level to the lower level via the guiding tracks, wherein a magnetic or magnetizable part is coupled to said harness,
- a preconnecting section located at the higher level of the guiding tracks where a harness worn by said person is connectable with the guiding tracks by means of connecting means on the harness,
- first braking means located at the guiding tracks near the lower level for slowing down and/or stopping the harness near the lower level, said first braking

means comprising magnetic means for inducing a braking force on the harness  
when said magnetic or magnetizable part coupled to the harness passes the magnetic  
means at the guiding tracks,

wherein the guiding tracks at their lower end have an open end such  
that the coupling means coupling the harness to the guiding tracks slide off the  
guiding tracks thereby automatically releasing the harness from the guiding tracks.